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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR ITU FACT-FINDING MISSION IN BRAZIL

1. REQUEST APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES AND CONCURRENCE ON MR. GERD D. WALLENSTEIN FOR 45-DAY FACT-FINDING MISSION IN BRAZIL UNDER ITU AUSPICES AND COMMENCING ABOUT NOVEMBER 13. STUDY TO BE CARRIED OUT BY TWO ITU RECRUITED SPECIALISTS (ONE CANADIAN WHO HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED ASSIGNMENT; WALLENSTEIN WOULD BE THE OTHER), PLUS LOCAL EXPERTS. PROJECT WILL INVOLVE (A) SURVEY OF BRAZIL'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES WITH VIEW TO ESTABLISHING AND/OR REVAMPING TRAINING STRUCTURE TO MEET FUTURE TELECOMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS AND (B) DEFINING R AND D OBJECTIVES SO AS TO FULLY UTILIZE THE COUNTRY'S RESOURCES, FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM-RELATED INDUSTRIES AND PROMOTE CENTRALLY-COORDINATED TELECOM SYSTEM. WILL ALSO DEVELOP PLAN FOR MOST EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVT OF BRAZIL AND UNDP RESOURCES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ABOVE OBJECTIVES.

2. MR. WALLENSTEIN APPARENTLY WELL KNOWN IN U.S. TELECOM CIRCLES (E.G. STATED HE KNOWN BY MESSRS NELSON AND HUFFCUTT). HE WAS BORN IN BERLIN, GERMANY ON JANUARY 2, 1913, NATURALIZED AMERICAN IN MAY 1953, AND RETIRED IN 1970 AS VP FOR PLANNING OF GTE LENKURT INC. WALLENSTEIN PRESENTLY WORKING AS CONSULTANT FOR GT&E CORPORATION AND ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH ENGINEERING-ECONOMICS SYSTEMS DEPT AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY. HE CURRENTLY ATTENDING CCITT STUDY GROUP MEETINGS IN GENEVA ON BEHALF OF GT AND E.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE. MR. WALLENSTEIN PLANS TO DEPART GENEVA ON

NOVEMBER 8 FOR CALIFORNIA WHERE WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS BEFORE
TRAVELLING TO BRAZIL.
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